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In Re: Pet Food Products Liability Litigation Civil Action No. 07-2867 (NLH), MDL No 1850

To the Clerk of the Court:

I have at hand the "Notice of Proposed Class Action Settlement and Final Fairness Hearing" wherein item #13 on page five, presents the option of commenting/objecting with any aspect of the Proposed Settlement.

With this in mind, I have noted the repeated expression "economic damages", but nothing stated with regard to "emotional, loss of life damages". In this litigation is not the court going to consider that the loss of our family member is more than only an economic damage? In our particular case, Sianne was with us for 18 years and who knows how much longer she would have lived. She was a healthy cat who only saw a veterinarian when it was time for her shots. To see her suffer for days was not a very pleasant experience for my wife and me and it was traumatic to see her euthanized. Isn't this experience much more than an "economic damage/loss? How do you put a price on this loss?

Although not being human, Sianne was flesh and blood.....a life that added so much to our lives and now she lies in the earth, instead of living a life full of love and affection. It's one thing for a pet to die of natural causes but for our cat's life to be terminated because of tainted food is irresponsible, an omission or neglect of reasonable precaution and action. Therefore, I believe, for those who lost their pets, there should be compensation greater than covering only "economic damages" up to the amount of $900.00.
After all, many in our society, including scientists, believe that humans are nothing more than elevated animals. While I would not expect the same compensation for the loss of a pet than that of a human, I do feel the court should give serious and compassionate consideration to those whose pets died from the consumption of tainted food.

Would you kindly give this matter your heartfelt consideration and find room for commiserating with those of us who lost our pets, doing so, within the bounds of the law.

My wife and I want to thank you for giving due attention to our pleading.

Respectfully,

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